

Appl. No. 10/735,207
Amdt. dated February 9, 2007
Reply to Office action of December 1, 2006

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 8-16 and 24-30 are currently pending in this application. A preliminary amendment received on December 12, 2006 acknowledged that claims 1-7, 17-23 and 31-37 as being canceled. In this response, Applicant has also canceled claims 2, 13, 14, 25, 27, and 28.

Claim Rejections

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has amended claim 8 to include limitations of claims 9, 13 and 14. Applicant submits that the claim 8 as amended is statutory subject matter.

Claims 8-13 and 24-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Papalia et al. (U.S. patent 6,255,805). Applicant has amended Applicant has amended claim 8 to include limitations of claims 9, 13 and 14. Applicant has amended claim 24 to

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